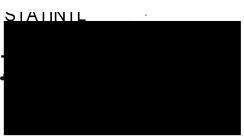
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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# FBI Rushes to End Dodd Inquiry

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The FBI has leaked out word that it intends to wind up its quickle probe of Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.) and his unethical conduct by this weekend-with a whitewash.

Members of the Senate to friends that the protective club spirit will be maintained and that they will have a report out within 30 days uphòlding their colleague.

Despite these reports, we can state that the surface has only been scratched regarding the financial manipulations and lobbying of the statuesque Senator from Connecticut.

This column has already re-Dodd's 1961 campaign dinner and traced where the money went to. That dinner was supposed to pay off a 1958 campaign debt and raise money for his 1964 campaign—even though it was three years before he would be up for election. Instead, all of the money to raise would pay Dodd's per-

another dinner, on Oct. 26, tax returns, though the law monial account. These were learned from the funds diverted to personal items, including funds and failure to pay taxes on them to be ethical.

Senator's home and pay amembers, whose salaries are liquor bill and the vacation paid by the taxpayers, to sell 974.28 in 1961 and \$11,075.12 expenses of his family.

#### Came to Dinner

Actually three meals were held on 1963 Dodd Senator's case work files and Day — breakfast in Hartford, list everyone whom Dodd had luncheon in Woodridge, and helped in Washington. More countant, Michael O'Hare, bedinner in Bridgeport - with than 1000 names were sent to the Democratic faithful, in Ed Sullivan, another Senate Members of the Senate cluding Lyndon B. Johnson, employe, who directed the paid out of the testimonial Ethics Committee, after much then Vice President, leading solicitation in Connecticut. handwringing, have confided the tribute. There could have been no doubt about the purpose of Dodd Day. It was to had been "no howling finan-raise funds for the Senator's cial success." He collected raise funds for the Senator's 1964 campaign, not pay his personal expenses, Dodd made Bridgeport, and \$10,000 in this clear in a "Dear Lyndon" Woodridge—total \$47,000.

letter dated Aug. 5, 1963.
"First of all," wrote the
Senator, "allow me to thank you again for your generous offer to come to Connecticut to assist me in my forthcoming campaign. I wish I could convey to you how enthusias-This column has already re-ported on the money raised by visit and how much it will assist me in getting my campaign drive under way . . . Your visit means more to me than I can say, Lyndon, and I shall never forget it.'

The Senator neglected to tell the Vice President that most of the money he helped went into Dodd's personal aclonal bills. He also neglected for suddenly began sending to report this use of political all his office bills to Hartford Here is the inside story of contributions on his income to be paid out of the testi-

tables for the Dodd Day tes in 1962. In 1963, all but \$742.04 timonials. One Senate em-ploye, Joe Flynn, was in tributions. different structed to go through all the

The Senator later complained to friends that Dodd Day \$22,000 in Hartford, \$15,000 in

Most of the money was deposited in Hartford's Connecticut Bank and Trust in a special account labeled "Testimonial for U.S. Senator Thomas J. Dodd."

A check for \$8000, covering the net receipts from Woodridge, was mailed directly to Dodd in Washington. Somehow the check was misplaced and became the object of an intensive search. There is no trace of what finally happened to the \$8000.

#### Liquor Bills Paid

After Dodd Day, the Senaother things, to repair the Dodd assigned several staff office for payment. © 1966, Bell-McClure Syndicate, Inc.

They had amounted to \$14,was paid out of political con-

The bills had been allowed to accumulate until after Dodd Day. Then the Senator's acgan mailing the bills to Ed Sullivan in Hartford to be

"Enclosed are some of the bills," wrote O'Hare, "which the Senator would like you to pay out of the Hartford account . . . The American Airlines bill (\$3018.43) is quite a bit overdue, so that should be paid as soon as possible."

This bill included a number of personal flights by Dodd and his family. Among them was the return fare from a Miami vacation on Feb. 13, 1963-\$78.12 for the Senator's ticket, \$56.39 for Mrs. Dodd's ticket, and \$32.10 for excess baggage.

The Senator's son, Tom Jr., made a number of flights that were paid out of political contributions. These included trips from Washington to Akron on April 18 (\$59.43) Washington to Chicago on June 24 (\$91.77) and Washington to Asheville on June 26 (\$68.36).

It will be interesting to see whether the Senate Ethics